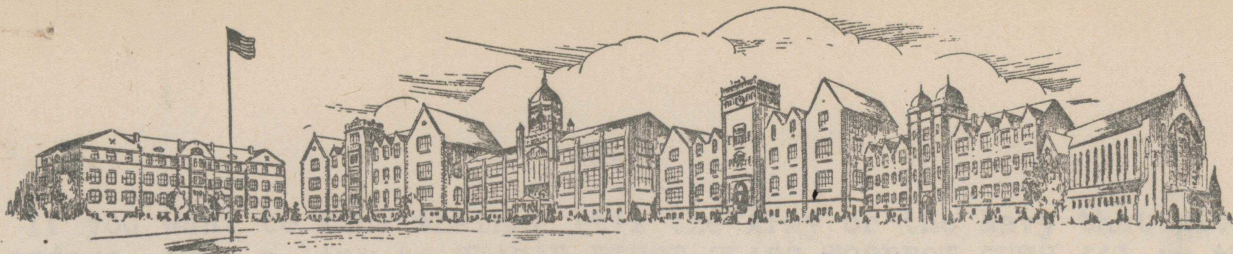


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Greetings and Salutations:

The aroma of sauer kraut and hot dogs with onions is drifting in the windows from the Fairgrounds and that means just one thing: The Great Allentown Fair is underway with its pin-up girls on the Midway and Stella--remember her--back under the new name of Tabu. The only thing that hasn't been fair about Fair Week has been the weather. Drizzle and rain for a few days made little difference, however, to those who year after year see the same things at Lehigh County's own World of Tomorrow. They were there anyway, ankling through mud and taking some other tips from you fellows who know mud over in New Guinea and on the battlefields around the Siegfried Line.

Talking about battlefields--we had our own here last Saturday and I imagine that's what most of you fellows are interested in hearing about. I'm sorry to have to tell you that we opened our football season yes, you guessed it--by losing to Bucknell 24-7. But before you sell the team short, you should know that it really was a good game in spite of the score. We had a bad case of fumblitis and Bucknell made three of its four touchdowns on Muhlenberg fumbles. Under the new rules, the person who recovers a fumble may run with it. That makes for an interesting game, but it proved costly to Muhlenberg. Bucknell scored eight first downs to Muhlenberg's seven, gained 176 yards in rushing against Muhlenberg's 78, 28 yards on passes against Muhlenberg's 74, and 204 yards in scrimmage against Muhlenberg's 152. Muhlenberg drew the first blood in the game when Charlie Lange crossed the stripe on the third play after Saltzgiver recovered a Bucknell fumble on their own 47 yard stripe.

Tomorrow we go to Lewisburg for a return game with the Bucknell Bisons and the Mules have it in mind to even the score. Haps Benfer claims that it has been 28 years since Muhlenberg defeated Bucknell on the gridiron and the boys are definitely out to break that jinx. Our next home game is with Swarthmore on October 7. Incidentally, since we gave you the schedule there have been two changes. The Villanova game, originally scheduled under the lights on October 20, will be played at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, on Saturday afternoon, October 21. The United States Naval Air Station team from Atlantic City will come to Muhlenberg for a game on November 4. The final game of the season will be with Princeton at Princeton on November 11.

It's a bit early to talk about basketball, but the schedule has been made up and Muhlenberg will go back to Madison Square Garden for a game with an opponent still to be selected on Saturday night, December 16. Twenty-five games have been booked definitely for the season opening Friday, November 24. Among them are Princeton, Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, Villanova, Temple, and Bucknell. We'll give you the complete schedule in plenty of time.

The spirit on the campus over the last weekend was tops. It started with the biggest pep rally (we mean it) ever held on the campus on Friday night, a formal inspection and review by the V-12 unit and band on Saturday morning, the game, and then the Gridiron Hop at the Americus Hotel Saturday night. On Thursday and Friday the Mask and Dagger Club gave a good account of itself when it opened the season in the College Little Theatre with "Journey's End." The play was dedicated to three former members of the Mask and Dagger Club who have been lost in this war--Angelo Bianco, John Kohler, and Kenneth Struble.

TO ITS FIGHTING MEN AROUND THE WORLD

If you want to know whether it's the Army or the Navy that gives the orders, drop a line to SEAMAN FIRST CLASS WOODROW GUTH '41 at the Charleston Navy Yard in South Carolina. He was married last weekend to First Lieutenant Jean F. Erdman, a WAC who has been transferred to Aberdeen, Md. They spent their honeymoon in Allentown and by the time you get this letter, they will be back at their respective stations. Woody claims he gives the orders, but that he still salutes every he sees his wife. Perhaps he'll tell some of you fellows the truth about it.

Among the visitors in the Alumni Office during the past few days were LIEUTENANT (j.g.) GEORGE BERGHORN '42 who came back for the game with his bride of one week on his arm. George will have some good stories about the Pacific to tell when he sees you fellows. His theatre ribbon is heavy with battle stars.

Others who dropped in recently were T-5 CARL RASSLER '43, back on a furlough after more than a year in Panama; CORPORAL RAYMOND HEFTER '44 enroute to Greenville, N.C.; MAURICE GEIGER, home from Camp Barkeley, Texas; and LIEUTENANT RODNEY ARNER '44, enroute to the West Coast after a special course in New York. We saw Navy LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. RUPP '28 when he came back from Corpus Christi for a brief leave before reporting to the University of Virginia. He is being trained to serve with Allied Military Government in occupied lands. After a few weeks at the University of Virginia, he will go to the University of Michigan for a six-week course.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) DOMINIC SALINES '41, who was graduated from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia on September 14, began his internship at the Marine Hospital at Staten Island. Before reporting there, he got himself a wife, the former Jean Angela Giocondo of Philadelphia.

We'll tip you off, in advance of the Alumni Magazine, that CAPTAIN FREDERICK A DRY '37 was awarded the Army's Silver Star for his gallantry during the initial days of the invasion of France. The story about his decoration and about the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to LIEUTENANT (j.g.) RAYMOND TURNER '42 and the Legion of Merit to CAPTAIN JAMES F. PATTERSON '30 appear in the September magazine which has just gone to press.

Now to take a look at the mail that is still pouring in from all parts of the world and from practically every State in the Union:

CORPORAL BROOKE SHOEMAKER '42 went into France with the invasion forces and got through O.K. A postcard tells us that he has seen quite a bit but, more than anything, would like to see a football game at Muhlenberg this Fall. You've heard about the Riviera in peacetime. CHUCK KEIM, DENNY BEATTIE, and JIM HEMSTREET will be able to tell you about it in wartime. And if you find it tough to get cigarettes, take this tip from them--American Camels on the Riviera are selling for 400 Francs a package--that's \$8.00 to you fellows still using Uncle Sam's greenbacks. Phm2/c LEON GODSHALL '32 expects to see at least a part of the world from a brand new LCI aboard which he reported several weeks ago at a West Coast port.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD A. MILLER '34 has been watching the mail service in Italy, Africa, and England for the past twenty-five months and is now in Italy. He gave us the good news that LIEUTENANT JOHN SCHMITTHENNER '42, who was reported missing in action, has turned up as a prisoner of the Germans. In Italy he sometimes sees STAFF SERGEANT PAUL WALTER '43 and CAPTAIN FORREST MOYER '35. Even though he is in France, fighting with the First Army, LIEUTENANT CLARK R. DIEFENDERFER '42 smells the pigskin sailing through the air and has a yen to see a Muhlenberg team socking and rocking them on the gridiron.

ENSIGN FREDERICK ROEDIGER '43, now in the crew of a submarine, occasionally sees ENSIGN DENNIS WEBSTER '44 and SEAMAN SECOND CLASS JOE SHANOSKY '43 also in the submarine service. He'd like to have a crew

of Muhlenberg men and then petition the Navy to name one of the under-sea ships the U.S.S. Muhlenberg. ENSIGN ROBERT HOLBEN '43 and his brother YEOMAN WAYNE '42, had four weeks together in England after the invasion and still manage to keep in touch with each other in the European theatre.

COMMANDER LUTHER F. GERHART '22 is looking up Muhlenberg men in Hawaii. Over in India, CORPORAL HAROLD HELFRICH '44 is still thinking about the Mask and Dagger Club. He comes forward with the thought that some of the best productions of the past twenty years have been American and would like to see the post-war Mask and Dagger Club inaugurate a series of All-American plays. We like the idea too.

Many of you fellows will remember BILL WILBUR, one of the instructors in the history department, now on leave for military service. He's getting a solid background for his post-war teaching career while serving as a lieutenant with America's forces in France. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROLAND HARTMAN of the same department is reported to be keeping busy over in Hawaii. CAPTAIN BRUCE H. KUNTZ '40 recently sent us a new address. His letter came from Iran.

If you want to know how LIEUTENANT DON REDDEN '38 feels about Italy, drop him a line and be prepared for a good letter. His address is APO 5762 and we'll be glad to give you the rest of it on request. He thinks President Tyson was lucky to visit Italy in 1936 instead of 1944. Over in India, CORPORAL PHILIP BOLLIER '43 at long last has managed to see an elephant--a huge grey tusker with a great burden of tree limbs and leaves making absolutely no impression on him as he contentedly grazed on bushels of shrubs. That proved to him that if you look hard enough you'll be able to find the fabled India of the travel books. CORPORAL GUS MINIFRI '42, who was in on the first invasion of Africa, then in Italy, and later back in the United States, is based in England now, but has been to France many times since D Day.

There's a vicious rumor going around Italy, according to SERGEANT CARL G. CLAYTON '34, that American beer can be had in limited quantities. The local beverages, as far as he is concerned, are terrible. He says that rubbing alcohol is hard to get. One bottle of it, properly distilled, is guaranteed to put you in the hospital for a full week. Incidentally, Clayton reports that his WAC wife again outranks him.

Fellows on this side of the water are doing a good job too as they train to get into the scrap, joining hundreds of Muhlenberg men now overseas. HERMAN MAYFARTH '45, who is completing his training as an Aviation Cadet at the Carlsbad Army Air Field in New Mexico, is wondering what things will be like when he comes back. To him and to the rest of you: You can count on Muhlenberg being on the job and you can count on a better Muhlenberg than you ever knew, a Muhlenberg with a program that will be of service to you whether you return to complete your education or to enjoy the privileges and advantages of a graduate.

Down at the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM '43 is beginning his senior year. It seems like just a few months ago that he was still working in this office as an undergraduate at Muhlenberg. All of which proves that time is marching right along and that the Victory all of us are waiting and working for will soon be here. LIEUTENANT WALLACE H. DEEBEL '29 has completed his Officer Candidate training and now is assistant director of ground training at the Army Air Field at Casper, Wyoming. For the past fifteen months, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE NYCE '46 has been going to college under the Army Specialized Training Program. He expects three more months at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

PhM3/c Howard Luckenbach '46 has been selected to enter a V-12 training unit in November and is now at the U.S. Naval Pre-Midshipmen's School at Asbury Park. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM R. BEISEL '45 is with a pre-medical training unit at the University of Chicago. DONALD MELCHER '47 and DALE JOHNSON '47 were together at the Surgical Technicians School at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, but then Dale

was sent to Camp Carson, Colo, and Melcher to Fort Lewis, Wash. Now they are back together again at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Some of you fellows will remember CARLOS H. PUIG, a member of the V-12 unit, who was a native of Puerto Rico. He's been lucky enough to get duty near his home. Down at Camp Wolters, Texas, MAHLON HELLERICH '40 is acquainting a good many of his G.I. bunkmates with some facts about Muhlenberg. Thanks for the plug--to all of you doing the same thing. WILMER HENNINGER '30 is on the other side of the country, now in training at the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons Center at Melville, R.I.

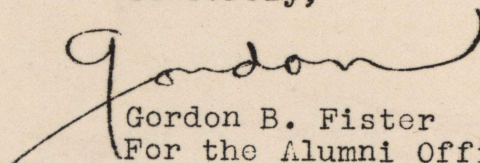
Promotions are still coming right along. Here are a few of them: CORPORAL ALBERT J. RITACCO '43; STAFF SERGEANT WELLACE J. EBERTS '43; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED W. SCHROETER '44; YEOMAN THIRD CLASS WAYNE E. HOLBEN '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM M. MUNSON '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT R. HILL '44; FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID BARBIERI '44; STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS '45; PRIVATE FIRST CALL GEORGE L. RIZOS '44 and MIDSHIPMAN WILLIAM C. STACKHOUSE '45.

During the past few weeks we have been digging up the addresses of a few hundred alumni who have been lost through the years. Among them we have discovered many more Muhlenberg men who laid aside their mufti for khaki, blue, or marine green. As a result, our service roster now includes the names of 1286 Muhlenberg men and is still growing. Here are some of the new ones:

Capt. Albert A. Gilmour '37, 2706 4th St. N., Arlington, Va.
Frederick L. Staebble '47, Co. L, 343 Inf. 86 Div., Camp Cooke, Calif.
Pvt. Robert Adams '40, APO 230, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Sgt. Asher Garfield Abel '35, APO 559, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Pfc. Robert Laudenslager '42, Address Wanted
S/Sgt. Richard H. Barstow '29, APO 636, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Pvt. Harold F. Albert '48, Co. C, 63 Med. Tng. Bn., Camp Barkeley, Tex.
Capt. Charles J. Barrie '39, APO 201, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
A/C Irving S. Bennett '44, TE 44 C (C), USNATC, Corpus Christi, Tex.
S2/c Anthony J. Balas '35, Brks. 32, M-51G, NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.
Cpl. John Garruto '28, Co. B, 6th ASFTR, Brks. T235, Camp Lee, Va.
Harrison D. Straub '34, APO 452, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Pvt. Harry Boretsky '47, Co. A, 24 Bn. 7th Regt., Ft. McClellan, Ala.
Pfc. Ralph Berry '42, 1512 W. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia 32, Pa.
Ray Kauffman '48, Address Wanted
Carlton U. Baum '29, TC, S-N, Cl. 24, OAAAB, New Orleans, 12, La.
Pvt. Edward Andrejeske '44, 1263 SCSU ASF, Mason Gen Hosp, Brentwood, N.
Joseph W. Fiske '45, Address Wanted
Pfc. Charles E. Davis '45, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Richard W. Ross '45, APO 350, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
Thomas H.W. Abbot '34, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.
Lt. Comdr. Ellwood V. Boger '32, USN Ordnance Plant, Macon, Ga.
Cpl. Donald D. Boyer '42, Br. 1, Sec. 1, AAF ORD, Greensboro, N.C.
Cpl. Julius Bricker '36, APO 77, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Earl D. Bryant '37, Med. Det., 138 Eng. Com. Bn., Ft. Jackson, S.C.
Sgt. Alton Clauser '35, Post Hops., STTC, Mansfield, Ohio
T/5 Raymond E. Cochran '44, APO 635, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.
S2/c Theodore Colarusso '47, Hosp. Corps Sch. Co 2-1, San Diego, Calif.
Pvt. John P. Conroy '46, Btry. B, 501 AFA, 14 AD, Camp Campbell, Ky.
T/5 Paul D. Cook '35, APO 322, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. John V. DeFuria '39, 242 AAF Base Unit Sec. D, Grand Island, Neb.
S1/c William N. Deisher '46, 2621 Marlboro Ave., Norfolk 4, Va.

I guess that will have to be the story for this time. We're still cheering for all of you and we'll keep on cheering long after this war has been won and you come home again. Good luck and happy hunting to you.

Sincerely,


Gordon B. Fister
For the Alumni Office